

Blood Donors

Lie Down—You Can Save Lives

Residents of Southern Los Angeles communities are being asked to lie flat on their backs for a few minutes to help Red Cross get an important job done.

Anderson explained, "It takes about seven relaxing minutes flat on your back," she added.

"IN SEVEN minutes, a blood donor can help save the life of an accident victim, a child suffering from a rare blood disease, a mother in child birth, or a patient who requires emergency surgery," Mrs. Anderson continued.

Some 200 people are expected to give blood when a mobile unit visits the Torrance Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone Ave., Thursday, Aug. 22, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Freeway

(Continued from page A-1) The State Division of Highways. The decision will be based on the effect of the route upon the local communities, existing and future traffic demands, and the initial cost of the project.

Any group or individual interested in the freeway route may air their views at the formal hearings later this summer.

Representatives of the State Division of Highways have stated that property owners displaced by the freeway may expect to receive fair market value for their homes or businesses.

STATE SPOKESMEN have pointed out that the Torrance Freeway will not be built for at least ten years and no property in the path of the freeway will be purchased for four or five years.

It is state policy to appraise each parcel of land individually, taking into consideration the value of pools, patios, built-in appliances, and other home features.

The state will pay up to \$200 for home moving costs and up to \$3,000 for business moving costs. A relocation service is provided for both home and business owners.

Final route adoption will be announced early next year, unless a controversy should develop. A route battle could postpone a decision another six months or more.

THOSE WILLING to spend seven minutes sharing the gift of life while flat on their backs may make appointments by calling Red Cross at 831-0751.

An additional 950 people are expected to donate at one of eight mobiles closed to the public. They are scheduled Aug. 7 at Shell Oil Refinery, Dominguez; Aug. 14 at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro; Aug. 16 at Cannery Workers, CIO 124, Terminal Island; Aug. 19 at Wittaker Corp., Gardena; Aug. 21 at Texaco, Inc., Wilmington; Aug. 27 at Union Oil Co., Wilmington; Aug. 28 at McDonnell-Douglas Corp., Torrance; and Aug. 30 at Cal-Metal Corp., Torrance.

Teens

(Continued from page A-1) man head the program. Bishop Montgomery High School's YCC is sponsored by the Rev. Ronald B. Olson, assisted by student leaders Patrick Gulick and Rita Rogers.

Interested students whose high schools have not instituted the YCC program may contact Collier at the Field Operation Office, 2021 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90007.



START ADDITION . . . Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new 70-bed, \$2.3 million addition to South Bay District Hospital were held Wednesday afternoon at the hospital. Shown with the first shovel full of dirt are (from left) John Wasserman, M.D., chief of staff; Don John, M.D., assistant chief of staff; Harrison Daigh, president of the hospital board; and Arthur Miller, administrator. The new addition is being financed by a \$1.2 million state-federal grant, \$700,000 in bond funds, and a \$457,000 appropriation from hospital revenues. It will be completed in the summer of 1970. (Press-Herald Photo)

Rapid Transit Will Try To Place Tax on Ballot

The rapid transit effort reached an unprecedented milestone this week when Southern California Rapid Transit District directors declared RTD's intention to place a measure on the Nov. 5 ballot to fund countywide public transportation improvements with a half-penny sales tax.

Acting to keep pace with a critical timetable, the RTD board declared its intention to conduct the election after reports from Sacramento at Assembly Bill 101 — which has cleared the Assembly, two Senate Committees and is pending in the Senate floor — providing for the half-penny sales tax for rapid transit construction and new bus services appears virtually assured of passage.

McMillan termed the occasion an "historic hour" in the annals of Southern public transit.

"WE'RE NO LONGER just talking rapid transit," McMillan added, "We're ready to begin building. Engineering required by law for a vote of the people on rapid transit has been completed. And the format for a vastly improved pattern of bus service is ready for implementation."

McMillan emphasized that for the plans to be translated into operating Rapid Transit same kind of support from the leadership element of the community which spelled success for such urban projects as water, airports and freeways.

RTD will, on Aug. 6, conclude its public hearing on the final report recommending 89 miles of rapid transit, 300 miles of local feeder bus service plus a network of express feeders serving points beyond the terminals.

LATER IN August—at a date to be announced—district directors will adopt final routes for the lines extending from Long Beach to Redondo, El Monte to West Los Angeles, and from downtown Los Angeles to International Airport and Hawthorne.

"It's a giant project—the \$2.5 billion plan," McMillan concluded, "but Los Angeles County is a giant among the metropolitan areas of the nation. And come November, if the Legislature acts as expected, the people will decide."

Gun Control Measure May Be on November Ballot

SACRAMENTO—The controversial gun control measure, AB 2096 by Assemblyman Winfield Shoemaker (D-Santa Barbara) has been sent to the assembly Committee on Election and Reapportionment in a move to place it on the November ballot, following a party-line vote of the full assembly which reversed previous action in which a motion to refer the measure was defeated.

The final action, which followed shortly after a Democratic caucus, resulted in Assemblywoman Pauline Davis (D-Portola), whose district encompasses one of the largest hunting areas of the state, switching from a "not voting" stand to backing the move to send the measure to committee following the reconsideration motion.

Assemblyman L. E. Townsend (Torrance) and Speaker of the House Jesse Unruh also switched from not voting to approval of the move to send it to committee.

ORIGINALY voting "no" on the reconsideration and referring to committee, were Assemblymen Charley V. Porter (D-Los Angeles), Walter W. Powers (D-Sacramento), and Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro). All three switched to "yes" votes following the caucus.

Final vote on the reconsideration motion was 41-36 while the vote to send the measure back to committee was 41-35.

Both factions in the assembly were permitted a full discussion of the reconsideration motion. Leading the opposition was Assemblyman W. Craig Biddle (R-Riverside), who said "it is time the assemblymen stand up and be counted" on the measure.

THE MEASURE'S author, Shoemaker, had sought the move to the elections and reapportionment committee in an attempt to put the gun issue up "to a vote of the people in November," in order to "get the advice of the people on whether they . . . really mean what you have been saying" on gun registration.

The latest polls claim that nearly 70 per cent of the residents of California favor gun controls in one form or another.

Biddle called the measure "dramatic . . . emotional," but warned the "people of California have a right to know how we stand . . . I say let's take a poll of the legislature."

ASSEMBLYMAN Willie L. Brown Jr. (D-San Francisco), said the move to send the measure to committee and once a small, but vocal "people, effectively removes (the measure) from the legislature for this year." He declared "In order to silence against gun registration to defeat the reconsideration," the measure should be sent to the people for advice on how they want their legislators to vote. He suggested such advice "would remove the political and emotional implications" and permit a calm reassessment of the results during the 1969 legislative session.

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D-Oakland), charged that those in the assembly out to defeat the reconsideration and referral moves were "those against gun control" and admitted that if the irroginal gun control bill were to come to a vote on the floor of the house "it will be defeated." He also referred to a "vocal minority" as being the prime movers against any effective gun control measure.

ASSEMBLYMAN Ray E. Johnson (R-Chico), declared he was in opposition to gun registration and going to the people of the state for "advice" on weapon control. He cited previous advisory votes of the people, such as the "three to one vote of (Californians) to repeal the Rumford Act. Those who opposed" the mandate of the voters then contended the "people really didn't know what they were doing. Now the same group has turned the coin over and want to go to the voters" to get their advice.

The measure now will go to the elections and reapportionment committee of the lower house.

Dills Authors Bill to Study Toll Tunnel

The State Assembly recently approved legislation calling for a study on the feasibility of a toll tunnel through the San Gabriel Valley and the metropolitan southern California area.

The bill, authored by Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena), had been previously approved unanimously by the upper house and sent to the Assembly.

Senator Dills said the tunnel would lead to the development of the Antelope Valley, increase the traffic to the area, and provide the first really convenient road through the mountains to the valley and the high desert areas.

His bill creates the Los Angeles County Toll Tunnel Authority to be governed by a board consisting of the members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and requires the Authority to submit a report of its study upon completion to the Legislature.

The bill has been supported by an impressive array of public agencies and organizations, including the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the city councils of Pasadena and Palmdale, and the chambers of commerce of Lancaster, Acton.

Youth Band To Perform

The Redondo Beach Bandshell in City Park will feature the Cavaliers today, at 2 p.m. The band, which consists of more than 200 young people, is sponsored and supported by the Whittier Elks Lodge.

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